

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. An apparatus for providing an electronic book, comprising:

a memory device for storing book information;

an input device for inputting information regarding a user request for book information;

a processing device for processing the user request for book information, wherein the processing device identifies book information to be provided to the user; and

a display device for displaying the book information to the user,

wherein the processing device processes a reading termination command entered by the user via the input device, and further wherein the processing device terminates the presentation of the book information, and further wherein the processing device at least one of identifies, records, and stores, a first

location, wherein the first location is the location in the book information where the presentation of the book information is terminated, and further wherein a subsequent presentation of the book information to the user commences from a second location which is located before the first location in the book information, and further wherein the subsequent presentation of the book information includes a presentation of at least a portion of the book information previously presented to the user.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the book information is at least one of page marked, encoded, marked, digitally encoded, analog encoded, digitally marked, analog marked, time-marked, time-stamped, and frame numbered, and further wherein the processing device processes the first location in conjunction with an amount of book information to be reviewed in order to generate the second location.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is at least one of an electronic book, a user device, a computer, a personal computer, a laptop computer, a kiosk, an electronic kiosk, a personal digital assistant, a telephone, a cellular telephone, a line-connected telephone, a wireless telephone, a digital communication device, a digital telephone, an analog telephone, a video telephone, a videophone, a display telephone,

personal communication services (PCS) device, a television, an interactive television, a high definition television, a digital television, and a personal communication device.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the book information includes at least one of text information, audio information, video information, audio and video information, and a link to at least one of text information, audio information, video information, audio and video information.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the book information is at least one of literature, textbook information, educational information, instructional information, reading material, newspaper materials, and magazine materials.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a receiver for receiving book information which is at least one of transmitted from and downloaded from a central processing computer.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a transmitter for transmitting a request for book

information to a central processing computer.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a communication device for facilitating communication between the user and a third party at least one of associated with a central processing computer and associated with another apparatus.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the third party is at least one of a publisher, a provider, a textbook publisher, an author, a writer, of the book information.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the processing device determines whether the user is reading the book information for a first time.

11. A method for providing an electronic book, comprising:

storing book information;

inputting information regarding a user request for book information;

processing the user request for book information;

identifying book information to be provided to the user;

displaying the book information to the user;

processing a reading termination command entered by the user;

terminating the presentation of the book information; and

at least one of identifying, recording, and storing, a first location, wherein the first location is the location in the book information where the presentation of the book information is terminated, and further wherein a subsequent presentation of the book information to the user commences from a second location which is located before the first location in the book information, and further wherein the subsequent presentation of the book information includes a presentation of at least a portion of the book information previously presented to the user.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the book information is at least one of page marked, encoded, marked, digitally encoded, analog encoded, digitally marked, analog marked, time-marked, time-stamped, and frame numbered, and wherein the method further comprises:

processing the first location in conjunction with an amount of book information to be reviewed in order to generate the second location.

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13. The method of claim 11, wherein the method is utilized in conjunction with at least one of an electronic book, a user device, a computer, a personal computer, a laptop computer, a kiosk, an electronic kiosk, a personal digital assistant, a telephone, a cellular telephone, a line-connected telephone, a wireless telephone, a digital communication device, a digital telephone, an analog telephone, a video telephone, a videophone, a display telephone, personal communication services (PCS) device, a television, an interactive television, a high definition television, a digital television, and a personal communication device.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the book information includes at least one of text information, audio

information, video information, audio and video information, and a link to at least one of text information, audio information, video information, audio and video information.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the book information is at least one of literature, textbook information, educational information, instructional information, reading material, newspaper materials, and magazine materials.

16. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving book information which is at least one of transmitted from and downloaded from a central processing computer.

17. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

transmitting a request for book information to a central processing computer.

18. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

facilitating communication between the user and a third party at least one of associated with a central processing

computer and associated with another apparatus, wherein the third party is at least one of a publisher, a provider, a textbook publisher, an author, a writer, of the book information.

19. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

determining whether the user is reading the book information for a first time.

20. An apparatus for providing an electronic book, comprising:

a receiver for receiving a user request for at least one of book information, a download of book information, a book information update, information at least one of from and regarding at least one of a publisher, provider, distributor, author, and writer, of book information, a request to post notes regarding book information, and a request to retrieve notes regarding book information posted by another user;

a processor for processing the user request; and

a transmitter for transmitting information responsive to the user request to an electronic book associated with the

user;

wherein the apparatus provides at least one of the transmits the requested at least one of book information, a download of book information, a book information update, information at least one of from and regarding at least one of a publisher, provider, distributor, author, and writer, of book information, and notes regarding book information posted by another user, and stores notes regarding book information posted by the user.